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status. Such a mode of operation can function with external cameras. For example, if a doorbell rings, the user can view who is at the door with a stand-alone auxiliary display unit capable of displaying video images (still and moving). Further, such a standalone auxiliary display unit may also display JPEG or other image formats and function as an electronic picture frame.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4, 12-14, 25, 27, and 33-35 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A personal computer system comprising:
a personal computer;
a main display unit coupled to said personal computer, said main display unit configured to receive first information associated with a first application launched by said personal computer and display the first information; and
an auxiliary display unit coupled to said personal computer and distinct from said main display unit, said auxiliary display unit configured to receive second information associated with a second application launched by said personal computer, said auxiliary display unit including
a display for displaying the second information, and
an input user interface dedicated to said auxiliary display unit and configured to receive inputs allowing user interaction with the second application in response to the second information being displayed on said display.
 2. (Amended) The personal computer system according to claim 1, wherein said personal computer, said main display unit and said auxiliary display unit are integrated together in a single physical structure.
 3. (Amended) The personal computer system according to claim 1, wherein said main display unit and said auxiliary display unit are not physically attached to each other.
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5. (Amended) The personal computer system according to claim 1, further comprising a wireless interface for coupling said auxiliary display unit to said personal computer.

6. (Amended) The personal computer system according to claim 1, wherein said input user interface is configured to receive an input to change a variable associated with the second application.

a4 7. (Amended) The personal computer system according to claim 1, wherein said main display unit includes a display, the display of said auxiliary display unit being larger than the display of said main display unit.

8. (Amended) The personal computer system according to claim 1, wherein the display of said auxiliary display unit is a liquid crystal display or an electro-luminescent panel.

9. (Amended) The personal computer system according to claim 1, wherein the second application is a messaging application.

10. (Amended) The personal computer system according to claim 42, wherein the second application is an audio, video or multimedia player application, and said input user interface is configured to receive inputs for controlling aspects of the second application represented in the graphical user interface.

11. (Amended) The personal computer system according to claim 1, wherein said input user interface of said auxiliary display unit includes features not available with an input user interface associated with said main display unit.

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~~said main display unit and said auxiliary display unit, said second auxiliary display unit configured to receive third information from a third application launched by said personal computer and displaying the third information.~~

16. (Amended) The personal computer system according to claim 15, wherein said second auxiliary display unit is further configured to receive the first information and/or the second information.

17. (Amended) The personal computer system according to claim 16, wherein said personal computer is configured to dynamically control which information said second auxiliary display unit receives.

18. (Amended) The personal computer system according to claim 16, wherein said personal computer is configured to determine whether said second auxiliary display unit has sufficient display space available to receive the first or second information.

19. (Amended) The personal computer system according to claim 16, wherein said personal computer is configured to determine whether a user of said second auxiliary display unit is authorized to receive the first or second information.

20. (Amended) In a computer system having a host computer, and a first display unit and second display unit coupled to said host computer, a method for controlling the display of information associated with a active application, said method comprising:

determining whether the second display unit has available capacity to display information associated with the application;

sending the information associated with the application to the second display unit for display when the second display unit has available capacity; and

sending the information associated with the application to said first display unit for display when the second display unit has no available capacity to display the information.

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21. ~~(Amended) The method according to claim 20, further comprising sending the information associated with the application to said first display unit for display when the second display unit has available capacity to display the information.~~

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22. (Amended) The method according to claim 20, wherein when the second display unit has available capacity to display the information associated with the application, further comprising sending second information associated with the application to said first display unit for display, the second information differing from the information sent to said second display unit.

23. (Amended) The method according to claim 20, wherein the information is a graphical user interface for an audio, video or multimedia player.

24. (Amended) The method according to claim 20, wherein the information is a notification associated with a messaging application.

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26. (Amended) The method according to claim 20, wherein said determining further comprises determining whether the second display unit has sufficient display space to display the information.

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28. (Amended) In a computer system having a host computer, a main display unit coupled to said host computer, and an auxiliary display unit coupled to said host computer, said auxiliary display unit including a display and an input user interface, a method comprising:

displaying first information associated with an active application on said main display unit;

displaying a graphical user interface associated with the application on the display of said auxiliary display unit;

receiving an input from a user through the input user interface of said auxiliary display unit, the input requesting second information associated with the application; and displaying the second information on said auxiliary display unit.

29. (Amended) The method according to claim 28, wherein the graphical user interface includes a notification associated with a messaging application.

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30. (Amended) The method according to claim 28, further including determining whether the user is authorized to receive the second information and only displaying the second information responsive to determining that the user is authorized.

31. (Amended) The method according to claim 30, wherein said determining includes receiving an authorization input from said user.

32. (Amended) The method according to claim 31, wherein the authorization input is a biometric associated with the user.

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36. (Amended) A computer network comprising:
a server;
plural computer systems coupled to said server, each computer system including,
a host computer coupled to said server;
a main display unit, coupled to and controlled by said host computer, said main display unit configured to receive first information associated with a first application launched by said host computer and display the first information; and
an auxiliary display unit coupled to and controlled by said host computer and distinct from said main display unit, said auxiliary display unit physically remote from said main display unit and configured to receive second information associated with a second application launched by said host computer, said auxiliary display unit including
a display for displaying the second information, and

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an input user interface dedicated to said auxiliary display unit and configured to receive inputs allowing user interaction with the second application in response to the second information being displayed on said display.

Please add the following new claims:

37. (New) The personal computer system according to claim 1, wherein said auxiliary display unit only receives and displays information associated with the second application.

38. (New) The personal computer system according to claim 1, wherein said input user interface is configured to receive user authorization information from a user, the user authorization information being processed to determine whether the user is authorized to change a variable associated with the second application.

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39. (New) The personal computer system according to claim 1, wherein said input user interface is configured to receive user authorization information from a user, the user authorization information being processed to determine a level of interaction with the second application for which the user is authorized.

40. (New) The personal computer system according to claim 39, wherein the second application is a messaging application and the level of interaction includes viewing messages.

41. (New) The personal computer system according to claim 1, wherein the second application is a messaging application and one of the inputs is a request to access a message.

42. (New) The personal computer system according to claim 1, wherein the second information includes a graphical user interface associated with the second application.

43. (New) The personal computer system according to claim 1, wherein said auxiliary display unit is physically remote from said main display unit.

44. (New) The personal computer system according to claim 43, wherein only one of said auxiliary display unit and said main display unit can be seen by a single user at a single moment in time due to the physical proximity of said main display unit and said auxiliary display unit.

45. (New) The personal computer system according to claim 1, wherein the auxiliary display unit is portable.

46. (New) The personal computer system according to claim 45, where the auxiliary display unit is physically attachable to a user.

47. (New) A personal computer system comprising:
a personal computer;
a main display unit coupled to said personal computer, said main display unit configured to receive and display first information associated with a first active application associated with said personal computer; and

an auxiliary display unit coupled to said personal computer and distinct from said main display unit, said auxiliary display unit configured to receive second information from an external network associated with a second active application in said personal computer system, said auxiliary display unit including,

a display for displaying the second information,
a processing unit for receiving and processing instructions received from said personal computer, and

a modem configured to couple said auxiliary display unit to the external network responsive to instructions received from said personal computer or said processing unit, without connecting to the external network through said personal computer.

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48. (New) ~~The personal computer system according to claim 47, wherein the second information is pushed from the external network.~~

49. (New) The personal computer system according to claim 48, wherein the second information includes news information.

50. (New) The personal computer system according to claim 47, wherein said auxiliary display unit is physically remote from said main display unit.

51. (New) The personal computer system according to claim 47, wherein said personal computer and said auxiliary display unit are separately addressable by the external network.

52. (New) The personal computer system according to claim 47, wherein said personal computer and said auxiliary display unit can independently and contemporaneously communicate over the external network or different external networks without sharing the same bandwidth.

53. (New) The personal computer system according to claim 47, wherein said personal computer communicates over the external network by way of a first communication link and said auxiliary display unit communicates over the external network by way of a second communication link different from said first communication link.

54. (New) A computer system comprising:
a host computer having an operating system and an application stored thereon and configured to run the operating system and launch the application;

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